

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3. (Cancelled)

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) ~~The combination of claim 2~~ A combination comprising:

a partition assembly including intersecting slotted partitions arranged in a matrix,
a container having walls extending upwardly from a bottom, said bottom and said walls of
said container defining an interior of said container;

said partitions being of a length such that said partition assembly may fit in said interior of
said container without bending said partitions;

wherein said partition assembly is held in said interior of said container by at least one hook
and loop fastener and said at least one hook and loop fastener comprises a first component secured
to an inner surface of one of said container walls and a second component secured to one of said
partitions, wherein said second component is adhesively secured to said one of said partitions.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) ~~The combination of claim 2~~ A combination comprising:

a partition assembly including intersecting slotted partitions arranged in a matrix,
a container having walls extending upwardly from a bottom, said bottom and said walls of
said container defining an interior of said container;

said partitions being of a length such that said partition assembly may fit in said interior of said container without bending said partitions;

wherein said partition assembly is held in said interior of said container by at least one hook and loop fastener and said at least one hook and loop fastener comprises a first component secured to an inner surface of one of said container walls and a second component secured to one of said partitions, wherein said second component of said hook and loop fastener is a piece of fabric adhesively secured to opposite side surfaces of said one of said partitions.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim [[2]] 5 wherein said second component of said hook and loop fastener functions as a flexible extension of said one of said partitions.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim [[2]] 5 wherein said second component of said hook and loop fastener has an exterior surface which has a plurality of loops.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim [[2]] 5 wherein said second component of said hook and loop fastener is a flexible tab.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim [[1]] 5 wherein said partitions are plastic.

Claim 10- 23. (Cancelled)

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) ~~The combination of claim 21~~ A combination comprising:

a container having walls extending upwardly from a bottom, said bottom and said walls of said container defining an interior of said container;

a partition assembly including slotted partitions arranged in a matrix, said partitions being of a length such that said partition assembly may fit in said interior of said container without bending said partitions;

wherein said partition assembly is held in said interior of said container by at least one hook and loop fastener comprising a first component secured to an inner surface of one of said container walls and a second flexible component secured to one of said partitions, said second flexible component being adapted to bend both clockwise and counterclockwise relative to said one of said partitions and wherein said second component is adhesively secured to said one of said partitions.

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) ~~The combination of claim 21~~ A combination comprising:

a container having walls extending upwardly from a bottom, said bottom and said walls of said container defining an interior of said container;

a partition assembly including slotted partitions arranged in a matrix, said partitions being of a length such that said partition assembly may fit in said interior of said container without bending said partitions;

wherein said partition assembly is held in said interior of said container by at least one hook and loop fastener comprising a first component secured to an inner surface of one of said container

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walls and a second flexible component secured to one of said partitions, said second flexible component being adapted to bend both clockwise and counterclockwise relative to said one of said partitions and wherein said second component of said hook and loop fastener is a piece of fabric adhesively secured to opposite side surfaces of said one of said partitions.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim [[21]] 25 wherein said second component of said hook and loop fastener functions as a generally planar extension of said one of said partitions.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim [[21]] 25 wherein said second component of said hook and loop fastener has an exterior surface which has a plurality of loops.

Claims 28-29. (Cancelled)

Claim 30. (Currently Amended) ~~The combination of claim~~ A combination comprising:

a container having walls extending upwardly from a bottom, said bottom and side walls defining an interior of the container;

a partition assembly for dividing the interior of the container, one component of a two part hook and loop fastener being secured to an inner surface of one of the walls of the container, the partition assembly comprising:

a plurality of first and second slotted partitions arranged in a matrix;
one of the slotted partitions having a flexible tab sandwiched around the end thereof,
said flexible tab comprising a second component of the two part hook and loop fastener adapted for
engagement with the first component of the two part hook and loop fastener without bending any of
the partitions, wherein ~~each of~~ said second component of said two part hook and loop fastener has a
removable backing covering an adhesive surface, said adhesive surface adapted to attach to said
ends of said slotted partitions.

Claim 31. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 30 wherein ~~each of~~ said second
component of said two part hook and loop fastener is adapted to planarly extend said partition.

Claim 32. (Currently Amended) ~~The combination of claim 28~~ A combination comprising:

a container having walls extending upwardly from a bottom, said bottom and side walls
defining an interior of the container;

a partition assembly for dividing the interior of the container, one component of a two part
hook and loop fastener being secured to an inner surface of one of the walls of the container, the
partition assembly comprising:

a plurality of first and second slotted partitions arranged in a matrix;
one of the slotted partitions having a flexible tab sandwiched around the end thereof,
said flexible tab comprising a second component of the two part hook and loop fastener adapted for

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engagement with the first component of the two part hook and loop fastener without bending any of the partitions, wherein said one component of a two part hook and loop fastener has a removable backing covering an adhesive surface, said adhesive surface being secured to an inner surface of one of said walls of said container.

Claim 33. (Cancelled)

Claim 34. (New) The combination of claim 4 wherein said second component of said hook and loop fastener functions as a flexible extension of said one of said partitions.

Claim 35. (New) The combination of claim 4 wherein said second component of said hook and loop fastener has an exterior surface which has a plurality of loops.

Claim 36. (New) The combination of claim 4 wherein said second component of said hook and loop fastener is a flexible tab.

Claim 37. (New) The combination of claim 4 wherein said partitions are plastic.